

REMARKS

Entrance of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is amended by changing "control" at line to --controlling-- which seems to be more proper English.

At line 19 of claim 1, --made to be-- is inserted simply for clarity.

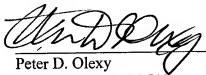
Claim 5 is amended as titanium nitride and oxide inclusions are not earlier referred to in claim 5.

Claims 21 and 22 are amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 17 and "more than 0" must be in claims 21 and 22 so as to be in agreement with claim 17 (claim 17 ultimately depending from claim 1). See the specification at, for example, page 5, line 18 and especially at page 5, line 28 and page 6, line 14, for example.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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